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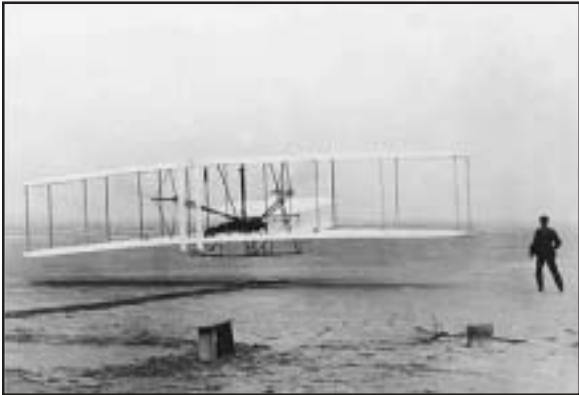
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## ***National Celebration of the Wright Stuff Kicks off December 17***

The Wright brothers' quest to fly was born of a dream to achieve the impossible and inspired by the freedom flight would bring.



On Dec. 17, 2002, the 99th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight, (above), NASA and the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission will mark the start of the yearlong "Centennial of Flight: Born of Dreams — Inspired by Freedom" celebration to honor their achievement, and the century of flight-related milestones that followed. The tribute will be at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) in Washington.

NASA joins the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission and other partner organizations for the kick-off event. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe will speak at the program, and several astronauts will participate.

As an official partner of the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission, NASA plans celebratory activities during 2003 to commemorate the Wright brothers' first powered flight on the sands of Kitty Hawk, N.C., and to

increase awareness about flight-related achievements.

Other scheduled speakers and participants at the event include Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers, FAA Administrator Marion Blakey and U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission Chairman, NASM Director J.R. "Jack" Dailey.

President George W. Bush has been invited to attend to formally sign a Presidential proclamation and present it to a member of the Wright family.

"The remarkable events of Dec. 17, 1903, changed our world forever," said Administrator O'Keefe. "We at NASA pay tribute to those accomplishments. As we chart the future course for NASA through our new Integrated Space Transportation Plan, we hold dear the legacy of the great aerospace pioneers, as we pursue our vision for the future—to improve life here on Earth, to extend life into space, and to find life beyond the known universe," he said.

The U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission was created by Congress to expand national and international interest in the commemoration of the centennial of powered flight.

More information about is on the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission Web site at:  
<http://www.centennialofflight.gov/>

## ***The Annual Wallops Awards Ceremony***

All Wallops employees are invited to the Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, December 13, in Building D-10, at 2 p.m.

The ceremony will open with holiday tunes led by the "Voices of Wallops". Dr. John Campbell, Director of Suborbital and Special Orbital Projects, will provide a year-end review and a look towards Wallops' future. Service awards will be presented to civil service employees who have attained 25, 30, 35, 40, and 50 years of service.

Wallops employees who have received NASA Honor Awards and Goddard Space Flight Center Awards during 2002 will be acknowledged and this year's Wallops Employee Morale Association's Volunteer of the Year will be announced.

Center Director Al Diaz is the key speaker for the ceremony. Immediately following the Awards Ceremony, everyone is invited to attend the Employee Christmas Open House in Building F-3.

## ***Wallops Shorts.....***

### ***Thank you***

"I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for providing Mr. Massanari, Mr. Tobin, Ms. Kuczak and myself with a wonderful tour. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and were very impressed with the facility at Wallops. Please express my thanks to the individuals who assisted you, they were very informative and helpful." ..... Richard D. Beck, District Manager, Social Security Administration.

The tour was given by Betty Flowers, NASA Public Affairs Office with assistance from Jack Vieira, NASA Range and Mission Management Office, and Glenn Maxfield, NSROC, Northrop Grumman.

## ***Administrator O'Keefe Shares One NASA Vision***

Join Administrator Sean O'Keefe for a special edition of NASA Update Wednesday, December 11 at 2 p.m. EST. The program can be seen Agencywide, live on NASA Television, Wallops Channel 6.

Administrator O'Keefe will share his thoughts about the One NASA vision and creating a culture and set of practices that not only facilitate business efficiencies but also focus on teamwork and collaboration among all NASA Centers.

The broadcast offers you an opportunity to share your ideas and thoughts about the One NASA concept. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about how the initiative will impact you and benefit the Agency's future. Wallops personnel can call questions to x66-8471, the Greenbelt Control Booth. They will relay the question to Headquarters.

***The week of December 16 -20, Keith Koehler and Betty Flowers, NASA Public Affairs Office, will be at Vandenberg, Calif. providing media and guest ops for the CHIPS launch. Following the launch, Betty will be on vacation until January 6. "Inside Wallops" will resume following the holidays.***



***May peace, joy, hope and happiness be yours during this holiday season and throughout the New Year.***

***Betty & Keith***



## ***The Wallops Employee And Morale Association Presents its Annual Christmas Open House***

***For Wallops employees and their immediate family***

***December 13  
In the Rocket Club  
Immediately following the Annual Awards Ceremony***

***Music by Island Boys***

***Catered by the WEMA Cafeteria***

### ***Children's Christmas Party***

December 19, 2002  
6 to 8:30 p.m. in the  
Rocket Club



For children ages 5 to 16 who are sponsored by a Morale Activities Committee member (NASA, Navy, NOAA, Coast Guard or Contractor employee)

Children will be registered on a first come, first served basis.

Register the child's name and age by December 13 by calling Rebecca Beach on x1559, Sandra Banks on x2526, or Cheryl Johnson on x1607.

The event is sponsored by the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association and the Wallops Black History Club.

### ***Inclement Weather Procedures***

Wallops Public Affairs Office personnel are notified no later than 5:15 a.m. of any change in the work schedule. Notices are placed on the Wallops recorded phone lines and with the media by 6 a.m.

Take note that the recorded numbers are the primary notification with the media being secondary, since we have no control of the final wording used by the media or when they post the announcement.

### **Wallops Recorded Numbers**

Wallops Info Line: 824-2050  
Operations Schedule: 824-1176 or 1-800-521-3415

When dialing through the 800 number, after you press 1 or 2 for English or Spanish, press 8, then dial 1176.

### **Media**

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### ***Old Dominion University Teletechnet***

See the complete Spring 2003 Schedule on-line at:  
<http://www.es.cc.va.us/student/schedules/oduspr03.pdf>

For more information, call Jack Bonniwell (Site Director) at 757-824-0763 or 757-787-5590 or visit: [www.odu.edu](http://www.odu.edu)

### ***NASA Honor Award Recipients***

Goddard Space Flight Center honor award recipients were recognized at a ceremony held in Greenbelt on December 4. Goddard's center director gave the welcoming remarks. "We do things here that make a difference and we do them well," said Al Diaz. "Our leaders and managers do an exceptional job providing the resources and atmosphere for our exceptional employees to succeed," he added.

The guest speaker, representing NASA Headquarters, was Courtney Stadd, Chief of Staff and White House Liaison.

The following Wallops individuals and teams received awards.

#### **Group Achievement Award**

Ultra-Long Duration Ballooncraft (ULDB) Development Team

Wallops Engineering Services Procurement Team

Wallops Flight Facility Automated Tracking Station (ATS) Team

#### **Public Service Medal**

Steven Peterzen, National Scientific Balloon Facility

#### **Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal**

Barton Bull, NASA Guidance, Navigation and Control Systems Engineering Branch

#### **Exceptional Service Medal**

Dean Price (posthumously), NASA Electrical Systems Branch

Jay Pittman, NASA Range and Mission Management Office

Joel Simpson and David Ward, NASA Guidance, Navigation and Control Systems Engineering Branch

## ***Holiday Shopping at the Exchange***

Stop by and check out gift ideas for your holiday shopping. The Exchange has hats, jackets, fleece pullovers, polo shirts, golf balls, coasters, padfolios and plenty of educational toys for the little ones.



Pecan halves are in stock in your choice of plain, milk chocolate, white chocolate or crunchy praline.

Show your Wallops employee badge and receive 10% off your purchase. This excludes food items, toiletries, VSFC items and sale items.

Make a purchase and become eligible to enter the drawing for one of two great giveaway bundles that are on display. Drawings to be held on December 20, 2002 at 1 p.m.

As an added bonus, there will be a small giveaway each day to one special customer. Will you be the lucky one?

Sympathy is extended  
to the family, friends,  
and co-workers of  
**Tom Taylor**

who died December 4 at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. Taylor was employed as the rigging section work leader and a crane operator for Cube Corporation at NASA Wallops Flight Facility. He is survived by his wife Rosalie, his mother, a son and a daughter and three granddaughters.

## ***Thanks, NASA Wallops***

*by Pam Taylor, CFC Chairperson*

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has come to an end. The "Reasons We Give" are as varied and diverse as the people who give. I would like to thank NASA's employees for their generous support and contributions to this year's CFC campaign. Through your contributions, the needs of the less fortunate can be met.

A special thank you to the folks who donated their time to this year's campaign; the key workers, the Fun Day helpers, and most of all the people who donated. Your contributions totaled \$25,057.65.

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